

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF ARUBA

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The Archaeological Museum Aruba was established in 1981 to exhibit the many artifacts from the prehistory found on the island. Having been situated since its foundation in a historical building in the Center of Oranjestad, it is currently temporarily located behind the Catholic Church in Oranjestad.

Aruba's rich Indian heritage strikes the visitors upon their arrival at the museum. Exquisitely ornamented ceramic pottery, fine polished stone and shell tools and an Indian burial dating 2000 B.C. are among the finds which have been made during excavations from the last years and which are displayed to acquaint the visitor with the ancient Aruban population. The museum performs a double role: on the one hand it

educates the local and international visitor on the subject of the Aruban prehistory. The information supplied by the museum is obtained by carrying out archaeological research projects on the island. The museum thus also has the role of a scientific research entity. Excavation projects are carried out in cooperation with international institutions being the most important one the

University of Leyden in Holland. The results of these projects are published by the museum which currently has six publications in English, Dutch and Papiamentu for sale at the museum and at local bookstores. The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is open for the public from 8am to 12 am and from 1pm to 4pm weekdays and is located at the J.Irausquinplein 2-A. for a guided tour (groups) and for more info please call (2978) 28979, send a fax (2978) 38267 or E-mail int513@mail.setarnet.aw.

A GLANCE AT THE GEOLOGY OF ARUBA

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The first events leading to the formation of the island of Aruba as we know it today started about 90 million years ago. Volcanic activity produced material that is seen today especially along the north coast (Dos Playa) and in the center of the island (Jamanota). The rocks from this first event are referred to as the Aruba Lava Formation.

Metamorphic rocks were the result of an intrusion of the Aruba Lava Formation by magma (Miralamar). Such a magmatic body within another rock we call a batholith. Other metamorphic rocks resulted along fault zones in the central part of the island. The batholith is composed mostly of a black and white rock named tonalite (formerly called quartzdiorite). This tonalite dominates the Aruban landscape today

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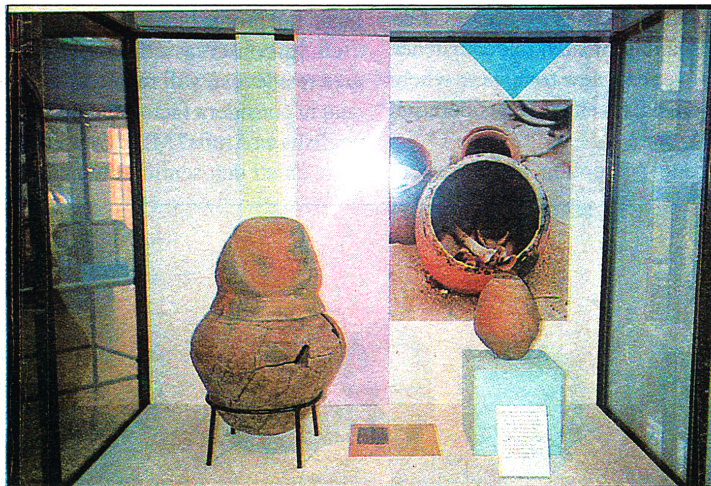
E Museo Arqueologico Aruba a ser estableci na 1981 pa expone e cantidad di artefacto prehistorico haña na nos isla. Situa desde su fundacion den un edificio historico den Centro di Oranjestad, e ta temporareamente ubica banda di e Misa Catolico na Oranjestad.

Aruba su gran herencia Indjan ta impresiona e bishitante na su yegada na e museo. Potchi y urna di ceramica dorna exquisitamente, herment di piedra y kokolishi fini gepolish y un deramentu Indjan datando di 2000 B.C. ta entre otro e descubrimentonan haci durante excavacionan den e ultimo añanan y a ser exhibi pa e bishitante sera conoci cu e poblacion arubano antiguo. E museo ta hunga un papel dobbel: di un banda e ta educa e bishitante local y internacional riba e tema di prehistoria arubano.

E informacion provee pa e museo ta ser obtene mediante ehecuion di proyectonan di investigacion cientifico arqueologico riba e isla.

Asina e museo tambe ta fungi como entidad di investigacion cientifico. Proyectonan di excavacion ta ser ehecuta en cooperacion cu institutonan internacional di cual e mas importante ta e Universidad di Leiden na Holanda.

E resultadonan di e proyectonan aki ta ser publica pa e museo cual actualmente tin seis publicacion na ingles, holandes y papiamento na benta na e museo y libreria local. E Museo Arqueologico Aruba ta habri pa publico di 8am pa 12 am y di 1pm te 4pm den siman y ta keda na J.Irausquinplein 2-A. Pa un tur cu guia (pa grupo) y pa mas informacion por yama (2978) 28979, manda un fax na (2978) 38267 of E-mail int513@mail.setarnet.aw.:

*archeological museum Aruba**geological formation in dry river bed***UN BISTA RIBA E GEOLOGIA DI ARUBA**

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E prome eventonan cu a hiba na e formacion di e isla di Aruba manera nos conoce awe a cuminsa mas o menos 90 miyon aña pasa. Actividad volcanico a produci material cu por ser mira awendia specialmente na e costa nord (Dos Playa) y den e centro di e isla (Jamanota). Ta referi na e piedranan di e prome evento como e Formacion di Lava di Aruba. Piedranan metamorfico ta e resultado di un intrusion di e Formacion di Lava di Aruba Lava pa magma (Miralamar). Un cuerpo magmatico asina hinca den un otro piedra nos ta yama un batolito. Otro piedranan metamorfico a resulta a lo largo di zona di fractura geologico den e parti central di e isla. E batolito ta componi gran parti pa un piedra blanco preto yama tonalito (antes yama kwartsdioriet). E tonalito aki ta domina e paisahe arubano awendia den forma di piedranan enorme (Ayo

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